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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

In 1997 the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works and the County Assessor developed a geographic information system (GIS). This system provides a graphic representation of all 2.3 million parcels within Los Angeles County, including parcels both in unincorporated areas and within incorporated cities. The parcel information was developed by Public Works, and the County Assessor provided an overlay of information from its DSOIII database that provides data on property-ownership, assessor's parcel number, property location, and related information.

Although County staff designed the GIS information to serve its own needs, this information is of great use to private-sector corporations, non-profit institutions and research facilities, and the general public. For this reason the Board of Supervisors authorized the Director of Public Works and the County Assessor to enter into agreements with private-sector consulting firms to market and sell GIS information to the public.

The GIS information has proved to be an invaluable law enforcement tool for the Sheriff, particularly for its air support (helicopter) units. Law enforcement representatives of incorporated cities within the County are now inquiring about using the GIS information for their purposes as well.

Criminal behavior does not follow jurisdictional boundaries. This is particularly the case for law enforcement helicopters pursuing criminal suspects. Furthermore, charging a fee to sister law enforcement agencies for GIS information is contrary to the dozens of law enforcement mutual aid agreements that the County has with other jurisdictions. Thus far, no outside law enforcement agency has purchased the GIS information.

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**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Department of Public Works, Sheriff, Assessor, CAO, and County Counsel's Office be directed to determine the feasibility of entering into agreements with law enforcement agencies to allow access at no cost to the Department of Public Works' GIS system and the corresponding Assessor's overlay information from their DSOIII database and report back to the Board of Supervisors on these matters within the next thirty (30) days.

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**AMENDMENT TO ITEM #10**

I MOVE that the feasibility report include providing free-of-cost updates of the Assessor's overlay information to the Sheriff's Department.

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